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Make provision for the Appointment and Remuneration of Resident Magistrates in Belfast. A.D. 1903.

WHEREAS it is desirable to make better provision for the appointment and remuneration of the resident magistrates doing duty in the city of Belfast:

And whereas this object cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 10 **1.** It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland, by warrant under his hand and seal, to appoint two fit persons as justices of the peace and police magistrates for and of the police district of the county of the city of Belfast. The said justices to perform the same duties and to
- 15 have the same powers, and to hold their office by the same tenure, and subject to the same conditions as to retirement and otherwise as if they had been appointed resident magistrates for the said county of the city of Belfast under the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1836, and it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other
- 20 Chief Governor or Governors to remove either of the said justices if he or they shall see occasion so to do, and upon any vacancy in the said office by death, removal, or otherwise to appoint another fit person as a justice of the peace and police magistrate of the said county of the city of Belfast to execute the duties aforesaid
- 25 in lieu of the person making such vacancy.

Resident magistrates.

2. There shall be paid to each of the said justices appointed in pursuance of this Act out of moneys to be provided by Parliament one thousand pounds per annum by way of salary, while holding such appointment.

Salaries of magistrates.

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The present resident magistrates in Belfast, namely, Francis George Hodder and Garrett Nagle shall be the first two justices appointed in pursuance of this Act.

Qualification.

3. All persons who may hereafter be appointed to supply vacancies among the said justices shall be barristers or solicitors, 5 each of whom shall have practised as a barrister or a solicitor during at least *six years* then past, or resident magistrates appointed under the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1836, each of whom shall have been a practising barrister or solicitor for at least six years previous to his appointment as resident magistrate. 10

Jurisdiction.

4. It shall be lawful for any one of the said justices appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, to do alone any act which by any law now in force or by any law (not containing an express enactment to the contrary) hereafter to be made, is or shall be directed to be done by more than one justice. 15

Short title and commencement.

5. This Act may be cited as the Belfast Resident Magistrates Act, 1905, and shall come into operation on *the first day of January one thousand nine hundred and six*.

Resident Magistrates (Belfast).

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